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1. AS MOST ADDRESSEES AWARE, DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN

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CONSIDERING FOR SOME MONTHS POSSIBLE CHANGE IN DEMAR-
CATION ON USG MAPS OF WESTERN SECTOR OF SINO- INDIAN
BORDER. (WE HAVE BEEN SHOWING AS INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY
IN DISPUTED AKSAI CHIN REGION ONLY INDIAN CLAIM LINE
WITHOUT INDICATING CHINESE CLAIM LINE WHICH IS ALSO
SUBSTANTIALLY THE DE FACTO LINE OF CONTROL.) WE HAVE
CONSIDERED BOTH (A) CONTINUING PRESENT PRACTICE UNLESS
AND UNTIL PRESSED BY PRC AND (B) SHOWING DE-FACTO LINE
OF CONTROL WITHOUT INDICATING EITHER INDIAN OR CHINESE
CLAIM LINES IN THIS AREA. AFTER WEIGHING ALL FACTORS, WE
HAVE DECIDED TO CONTINUE COMPROMISE APPROACH FIRST USED
ON MAP IN LATEST DEPARTMENT OF STATE "BACKGROUND NOTES"
ON PRC (ISSUED JULY 1974). HEREAFTER ALL USG MAPS OF
SINO-INDIAN BOUNDARY WEST OF NEPAL WILL SHOW BOTH
INDIAN AND CHINESE CLAIM LINES, INDICATING THE DE-FACTO
LINE OF CONTROL, AND WHERE SPACE PERMITS SHADING WILL
INDICATE AREA IN DISPUTE.
2. THIS WILL STILL BE A DEVIATION FROM OUR NORMAL
MAPPING PROCEDURE, WHICH IN ALL OTHER CASES (EXCEPT
FOR ISRAEL) OF BORDER DISPUTES SHOWS THE DE-FACTO
BOUNDARY WITH A DISCLAIMER. THIS APPROACH, HOWEVER,
CORRECTS THE PRESENT ANOMALY THAT FAVORS THE INDIAN
POSITION, REPRESENTS THE FACTUAL SITUATION AND BY
INCLUDING THE INDIAN CLAIM LINE, SHOULD MITIGATE INDIAN
REACTION.

3. FOR PEKING AND HONG KONG: WE ARE AWARE THAT THIS
DECISION WILL NOT FULLY SATISFY THE PRC. MORE DETAILS
OF THE CONSIDERATIONS BEHIND OUR DECISION WILL BE
FORWARDED BY LETTER. INGERSOLL

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